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- Indeed it was but just that the finest lines in nature should be drawn upon the most durable ground. *Pope.*
10. The plain song; the tune on which descants are raised. *Pope.*
- Get a prayer-book in your hand,
And stand between two churchmen, good my lord;
For on that ground I'll build a holy decant. *Shakef. R. III.*
11. First hint; first traces of an invention; that which gives occasion to the rest.
- Though jealousy of state th' invention found,
Yet love refin'd upon the former ground;
That way the tyrant had reserv'd to fly,
Pursuing hate, now serv'd to bring two lovers nigh. *Dryden.*
12. The first principles of knowledge.
- The concords will easily be known, if the fore grounds be thoroughly beaten in. *Preface to Accidence.*
- Here statesmen, or of them they which can read,
May of their occupation find the grounds. *Donne.*
- After evening repasts, till bed-time, their thoughts will be best taken up in the easy grounds of religion, and the story of scripture. *Milton on Education.*
13. The fundamental cause; the true reason; original principle.
- He desired the steward to tell him particularly the ground and event of this accident. *Sidney.*
- Making happiness the ground of his unhappiness, and good news the argument of his sorrow. *Sidney, b. ii.*
- The use and benefit of good laws all that live under them may enjoy with delight and comfort, albeit the grounds and first original causes from whence they have sprung be unknown. *Hooker, b. i. f. 1.*
- Thou could'st not have discern'd
Fraud in the serpent, speaking as he spake,
No ground of enmity between us known. *Mit. Par. Lost.*
- Nor did either of them ever think fit to make any particular relation of the grounds of their proceedings, or the causes of their misadventures. *Clarendon, b. viii.*
- Sound judgment is the ground of writing well. *Roscomm.*
- Love once given from her, and plac'd in you,
Would leave no ground I ever would be true. *Dryden.*
- If it be natural, ought we not to conclude that there is some ground and reason for these fears, and that nature hath not planted them in us to no purpose. *Tillotson.*
- Upon that prince's death, although the grounds of our quarrel with France had received no manner of addition, yet this lord thought fit to alter his sentiments. *Swift.*
- The miraculous increase of the professors of Christianity was without any visible grounds and causes, and contrary to all human probability and appearance. *Atterbury's Sermons.*
14. The field or place of action.
- Here was thy end decreed, when these men rose;
And ev'n with theirs this act thy death did bring,
Or hasten'd at the least upon this ground. *Daniel's C. War.*
15. The space occupied by an army as they fight, advance, or retire.
- At length the left wing of the Arcadians began to lose ground. *Sidney.*
- Heartless they fought, and quitted soon their grounds.
While our's with easy victory were crown'd. *Dryd. Aureng.*
- He has lost ground at the latter end of the day, by pursuing his point too far, like the prince of Conde at the battle of Senepa. *Dryden's Fables, Preface.*
16. The intervening space between the flyer and pursuer.
- Ev'ning mist,
Ris'n from a river, o'er the marsh glides,
And gathers ground fast at the labourer's heels,
Homeward returning. *Milton's Paradise Lost, b. xii.*
- Superiors think it a detraction from their merit to see another get ground upon them, and overtake them in the pursuits of glory. *Addison's Spectator.*
- Even whilst we speak our conqueror comes on,
And gathers ground upon us every moment. *Addison.*
17. The state in which one is with respect to opponents or competitors.
- Had'st thou sway'd as kings should do,
Giving no ground unto the house of York,
They never then had sprung. *Shakespeare's Henry VI.*
- If they get ground and vantage of the king,
Then join you with them like a rib of steel,
To make them stronger. *Shakespeare's Henry IV. p. ii.*
- He will stand his ground against all the attacks that can be made upon his probity. *Atterbury's Sermons.*
- Whatever ground we may have gotten upon our enemies, we have gotten none upon our vices, the worst enemies of the two; but are even subdued and led captive by the one, while we triumph so gloriously over the others. *Atterbury's Sermons.*
18. State of progress or recession.
- I have known so many great examples of this cure, and heard of its being so familiar in Austria, that I wonder it has gained no more ground in other places. *Temple.*
- The squirrel is perpetually turning the wheel in her cage: she runs apace, and wears herself with her continual motion, and gets no ground. *Dryden's Dufresnoy.*
19. The soil to set a thing off.

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- Like bright metal on a fallen ground,
My reformation glittering o'er my faults,
Shall shew more goodly, and attract more eyes,
Than that which hath no foil to set it off. *Shakespeare.*
- To GROUND. *v. a.* [from the noun.]
1. To fix on the ground.
- Wherever she had grounded her foot, neither gods nor men could force her to retire. *Rambler.*
2. To found as upon cause or principle.
- Wisdom groundeth her laws upon an infallible rule of comparison. *Hooker, b. i. f. 8.*
- It may serve us to ground conjectures more approaching to the truth than we have hitherto met with. *Boyle.*
- If your own actions on your will you ground,
Mine shall hereafter know no other bound. *Dryd. Aureng.*
- Some eminent spirit, having signalized his valour, becomes to have influence on the people, to grow their leader in warlike expeditions; and this is grounded upon the principles of nature and common reason, which, where prudence and courage are required, rather incite us to fly to a single person than a multitude. *Swift.*
3. To settle in first principles or rudiments of knowledge.
- Being rooted and grounded in love. *Eph. iii. 17.*
- GROUND. *The preterite and part. pass. of grind.*
- He took the calf which they had made, and burnt it in the fire, and ground it to powder. *Exo. xxxii. 20.*
- How dull and rugged, ere 'tis ground
And polish'd, looks a diamond? *Hudibras, p. ii.*
- GROUND is much used in composition for that which is next the ground, or near the ground.
- GRO'UND-ASH. *n. f.* A saplin of ash taken from the ground; not a branch cut from a tree.
- A lance of tough groundless the Trojan threw,
Rough in the rind, and knotted as it grew. *Dryden's Æn.*
- Some cut the young ashes off about an inch above the ground, which causes them to make very large straight shoots, which they call groundash. *Mortimer's Husbandry.*
- GRO'UND-BAIT. *n. f.* [from ground and bait.] A bait made of barley or malt boiled; which, being thrown into the place where you design to angle, sinks to the bottom, and draws the fish to it.
- Take the depth of the place where you mean after to cast your groundbait, and to fish. *Walton's Angler.*
- GRO'UND-FLOOR. *n. f.* [ground and floor.] The lower story of a house.
- GRO'UND-IVY. *n. f.* [*hedera terrestris*, Latin.] Alehoof, or tunhoof.
- The shoots trail upon the ground, and emit roots from almost every joint, which fasten themselves into the earth: the leaves are roundish, thick, rough, and crenated on the edges: the helmet of the flower is roundish, bifid, and reflexed: the beard or lower lip is trifid, or cut into three segments; the middle segment is broad and bifid, and the flowers are produced at the joints of the shoots. The species are, first, common groundivy, or gill-go-by-ground; and second, lesser groundivy. *Miller.*
- Alehoof or groundivy is, in my opinion, of the most excellent use and virtue of any plants among us. *Temple.*
- GRO'UND-OAK. *n. f.* [ground and oak.]
- If the planting of oaks were more in use for underwoods, it would spoil the coopers trade for the making of hoops either of haseel or ash; because one hoop made of the young shoots of a groundoak, would outlast six of the best ash. *Mort.*
- GRO'UND-PINE. *n. f.* [*chamaepitys*, Latin.]
- The leaves are narrow and trifid; the flower labiated: the place of the crest of the flower is supplied with little teeth: the lower lip is divided into three parts, the middle segment being split again into two parts. The flowers rarely grow in whorles, but one or two are produced at the wings of the leaves. *Miller.*
- The whole plant has a very singular smell, resembling that of resin; whence its name groundpine. It grows on dry and barren hills, and in some places on the ditch-banks by roadsides. It is highly extolled, by the generality of medical writers, as an aperient, cephalick, and nervous medicine; but it is however little used at present. *Hill's Mat. Med.*
- GRO'UND-PLATE. *n. f.* [In architecture.] The outermost pieces of timber lying on or near the ground, and framed into one another with mortises and tenons. In these also are mortises made to receive the tenons of the joists, the summer and girders; and sometimes the trimmers for the stair-case and chimney way, and the binding joist. *Harris.*
- In the orthographical schemes there should be a true delineation, if it be a timber-building, of the several sizes of the groundplates, breast-summers, and beams. *Mortimer's Husbandry.*
- GRO'UND-PLAT. *n. f.*
1. The ground on which any building is placed.
- Wretched Gynecia, where can't thou find any small ground-plot for hope to dwell upon? *Sidney.*
2. The ichnography of a building.
- GROUND-RENT. *n. f.* Rent paid for the privilege of building on another man's ground. *A foot*

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- A foot in front, and thirty-three five sevenths deep, would bring in a ground-rent of five pounds. *Arbutnot on Coins.*
- GROUND-ROOM. *n. f.* A room on the level with the ground.
- I beseech him hereafter to meditate in a ground-room; for that otherwise it would be impossible for an artist of any other kind to live near him. *Taylor, N° 88.*
- GRO'UNDELY. *adv.* [from grounded.] Upon firm principles.
- He hath given the first hint of speaking groundedly, and to the purpose, upon this subject. *Glanville.*
- GRO'UNDLESS. *n. f.* [from ground.] Void of reason; without ground.
- But when vain doubt and groundless fear
Do that dear foolish bosom tear. *Prior.*
- We have great reason to look upon the high pretensions which the Roman church makes to miracles as groundless, and to reject their vain and fabulous accounts of them. *Asterbury.*
- The party who distinguish themselves by their zeal for the present establishment, should be careful to discover such a reverence for religion, as may shew how groundless that reproach is which is cast upon them, of being averse to our national worship. *Freeholder, N° 129.*
- GRO'UNDLESSLY. *adv.* [from groundless.] Without reason; without cause; without just reason.
- Divers persons have produced the like by spirit of vitriol, or juice of lemons; but have groundlessly ascribed the effect to some peculiar quality of those two liquors. *Boyle on Colours.*
- GRO'UNDLESSNESS. *n. f.* [from groundless.] Want of just reason.
- He durst not cite the words either of my book or sermons, lest the reader should have discovered the notorious falsehood and groundlessness of his calumny. *Tillotson, Sermon 1.*
- GRO'UNDLING. *n. f.* [from ground.] A fish which keeps at the bottom of the water: hence one of the low vulgar. *Hamm.*
- It offends me to the soul, to hear a robustious perriwig-pated fellow tear a passion to tatters, to very rags, to split the ears of the groundlings. *Shakespeare's Hamlet.*
- GRO'UNDLY. *adv.* [from ground.] Upon principles; solidly; not superficially.
- A man, groundly learned already, may take much profit himself, in using by epitome to draw other mens works, for his own memory sake, into shorter room. *Astleam's Schoolm.*
- GRO'UNSEL. *n. f.* [groun and ryle, the basis, Sax. perhaps from *jella*, Latin.] The timber or raised pavement next the ground.
- The window-frame hath every one of its lights rabbetted on its outside about half an inch into the frame; and all these rabbets, but that on the groundsel, are grooved square; but the rabbets on the groundsel is levelled downwards, that rain or snow may the freer fall off. *Moxon's Mech. Exerc.*
- GRO'UNSEL. *n. f.* [*fenestio*, Latin.]
- It hath a foliaceous flower, consisting of many florets, divided into several segments fitting on the embryo, contained in an empalement consisting of one leaf, and divided into many parts, afterwards becoming of a conical figure: the embryo afterward becomes a seed, furnished with down; at which time the empalement is reflexed, to make way for the seeds to escape. *Atter.*
- GRO'UNDWORK. *n. f.* [ground and work.]
1. The ground; the first stratum; the first part of the whole; that to which the rest is additional.
- A way there is in heav'n's expanded plain,
Which, when the skies are clear, is seen below,
And mortals by the name of milky know;
The groundwork is of stars. *Dryden's Fables.*
2. The first part of an undertaking; the fundamentals.
- The main skill and groundwork will be to temper them such lectures and explanations, upon every opportunity, as may lead and draw them in willing obedience. *Milton.*
3. First principle; original reason.
- The groundwork thereof is nevertheless true and certain, however they through ignorance disguise the same, or through vanity. *Spenser's State of Ireland.*
- The morals is the first business of the poet, as being the groundwork of his instruction. *Dryden.*
- GROUP. *n. f.* [*groupe*, French; *gruppo*, Italian.] A crowd; a cluster; a huddle; a number thronged together.
- In a picture, besides the principal figures which compose it, and are placed in the midst of it, there are less groups or knots of figures disposed at proper distances, which are parts of the piece, and seem to carry on the same design in a more inferior manner. *Dryden's Dufresnoy.*
- I cannot doubt but the poet had here in view the picture of Zettus, in the famous group of figures which represents the two brothers binding Dircæ to the horns of a mad bull. *Addis.*
- You should try your gravest tools
On this odious group of fools. *Swift.*
- To GROUP. *v. a.* [*grouper*, French.] To put into a crowd; to huddle together.
- The difficulty lies in drawing and disposing, or, as the painters term it, in grouping such a multitude of different objects, preserving still the justice and conformity of style and colouring. *Prior.*

- GROUSE. *n. f.* A kind of fowl; a heathcock.
- The 'quires in scorn will fly the house
For better game, and look for grouse. *Swift.*
- GROUT. *n. f.* [grute, Saxon. In Scotland they call it *groats*.]
1. Coarse meal; pollard.
- King Hardicnute, 'midst Danes and Saxons flout,
Carous'd in nut-brown ale, and din'd on grout:
Which dith its pristine honour still retains,
And when each prince is crown'd in splendour reigns. *King.*
2. That which purges off.
- Sweet honey some condense, some purge the grout;
The rest, in cells apart, the liquid nectar shout. *Dryden.*
3. A kind of wild apple. [*Agriamelum*, Latin.]
- To GROW. *v. n.* preter. *grew*; part. pass. *grown*. [*zropan*, Saxon; *gracen*, Dutch.]
1. To vegetate; to have vegetable motion; to increase by vegetation.
- It is not the growing of fruit that nourisheth man; but it is thy word which preserveth them. *Wisl. xvi. 26.*
- He caught the grass to grow for the cattle, and herb for the service of man. *Pf. civ. 14.*
2. To be produced by vegetation.
- Ye shall eat this year such things as grow of themselves. *2 Kings xix. 29.*
- In this country groweth abundance of that wood, which since is brought into Europe to die red colours. *Abbot.*
- A bag, that groweth in the fields, at the first is hard like a tennis-ball, and white; and after growth of a mushroom-colour, and full of light dust. *Bacon's Natural History.*
- But say, where grows the tree? from hence how far?
Milton's Paradise Lost, b. ix.
- In colder regions men compose
Poison with art; but here it grows. *Waller.*
- Those tow'rs of oak o'er fertile plains might go,
And visit mountains where they once did grow. *Waller.*
3. To shoot in any particular form.
- Children, like tender osiers, take the bow;
And as they first are fashion'd, always grow. *Dryden's Juu.*
4. To increase in stature.
- I long with all my heart to see the prince;
I hope he is much grown since last I saw him. *Shakef. R. III.*
- The poor man had nothing, save one little ew-lamb, which he had bought and reared up; and it grew up together with him and with his children. *2 Sa. xii. 3.*
- Thine own things, and such as are grown up with thee,
Can't thou not know. *2 Esdr. iv. 10.*
5. To come to manhood from infancy.
- Now the prince groweth up fast to be a man, and is of a sweet and excellent disposition. *Bacon's Advice to Villiers.*
- The main thing to be considered, in every action of a child, is how it will become him when he is bigger, and whither it will lead him when he is grown up. *Leche.*
- We are brought into the world children, ignorant and impotent; and we grow up in vanity and folly. *Wake.*
6. To issue, as plants from a soil, or as branches from the main trunk.
- They will seem not stuck into him, but growing out of him. *Dryden's Æn. Dedication.*
7. To increase in bulk; to become greater, or more numerous.
- Bones, after full growth, continue at a stay: as for nails, they grow continually. *Bacon's Natural History.*
- Then their numbers swell,
And grow upon us. *Donham.*
- Divisions grow upon us, by neglect of practick duties: as every age degenerated from primitive piety, they advanced in nice enquiries. *Decay of Piety.*
8. To improve; to make progress.
- Grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *2 Pet. iii. 18.*
- As he grew forward in years he was trained up to learning, under one Pronapides, who taught the Pelasgick letter invented by Linus. *Pope's Essay on Homer.*
9. To advance to any state.
- Nature, as it grows again towards earth,
Is fashion'd for the journey dull and heavy. *Shakespeare.*
- They doubted whereunto this would grow. *Æls v. 24.*
- The king, by this time, was grown to such an height of reputation for cunning and policy, that every accident and event that went well was laid and imputed to his foresight. *Bacon.*
- But when to ripen'd manhood he shall grow,
The greedy sailor shall the seas forego. *Dryden's Virgil.*
- Verse, or the other harmony of prose, I have so long studied and practised, that they are grown into a habit, and become familiar to me. *Dryden's Fables, Preface.*
10. To come by degrees; to reach any state gradually.
- After they grew to rest upon number, rather competent than vast, they grew to advantages of place, cunning diversions, and the like; and they grew more skilful in the ordering of their battles. *Bacon's Essays.*
- The trespasses of people are grown up to heaven, and their sins are got beyond all restraints of law and authority. *Rogers.*
11. To come forward; to gather ground.